

## **Advent Communion**

*Lord, listen to your children*

*HWB #353*

### THE COMMUNION LITANY:

L The peace of the Lord be with you.

**P And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**P We lift them up to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

L Loving God, in many and various ways you have visited and redeemed your people - finally sending to us your Son, Jesus. We thank you Lord God for sending him to us: As one of us he came, at first a tender infant, then a child, a youth, and an adult.

He rejoiced with those who rejoiced, he wept with those who wept. To the despairing he spoke a word of hope, to the sick he gave healing, to the rejected he was a friend. And yet he was betrayed and nailed to a cross.

But you, Almighty God, lifted him from the grave and restored him to life that he might be with us and we with him - alive - for evermore. Therefore, with all the saints and with the angels in heaven we praise you, saying:

**P Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

L Eternal God, King of heaven and earth: the life and death of thy Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we proclaim; his resurrection from the dead and his ascension we confess; his coming in triumph we await.

**P Maranatha. Come Lord Jesus, come!**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Merciful God - as we await the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we do as he commanded us to do living with hope. And we spread this Holy Feast before you - remembering how on the night that Jesus was betrayed he took the bread and gave you thanks, saying: "Take and eat: this is my body which will be broken for you."

We recall as well how, in the same way, when the meal was over, he took the cup, the cup of blessing, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, drink, this is my blood, the blood of a new covenant, which will be shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

When you do this, do it in memory of me."

## THE PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

L Let us proclaim the hope and mystery of our faith:

**P Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

L Loving God, we pray that you send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do so that these gifts - this bread and this wine - may be for us the body and the blood of Christ Jesus our Lord. Give us the mind of Christ as partake of this sacrament of life and hope that we may follow him faithfully as we await his return in glory.

**P We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Pass the bread – please hold as we pray silently

L The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great symbol of Hope. Take and eat.

Pass the cup – you may partake or hold the cup until we pray.

L This cup is a symbol of covenant of Christ's blood shed for our sins. Drink and be

Pastoral prayer – Almighty Creator God, thank you for your food we have received. You send your Holy Spirit among us to empower us and to help us remember your mercy. As you have led us in the past, we trust in the hope you offer for us today and in the future. Make our living and working, our loving and doing, our thinking and being, a memorial witness to you. We look forward to the day when all that lives and breathes, the world and all creation, give you glory, worship, honor, obedience, and praise, now and forever. Amen

*O come, O come, Immanuel*

*HWB #172*

## DEPARTING PRAYER AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

L Let us pray... We give you thanks, O Lord, for receiving us at your table.

**P We thank you for the life you have bestowed on us and the life that you have promised to us.**

L So it is that we proclaim to you our faith and our hope.

**P We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.  
Amen**